SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NOS. 2017-370-E, 2017-207-E, and 2017-305-E ORDER NO. 2018-180-H

NOVEMBER 28, 2018

David Butler Hearing Officer

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

<u>Docket No. 2017-370-E</u> – Joint Application and Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Dominion Energy, Incorporated for Review and Approval of a Proposed Business Combination between SCANA Corporation and Dominion Energy, Incorporated, as May Be Required, and for a Prudency Determination Regarding the Abandonment of the V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 Project and Associated Customer Benefits and Cost Recovery Plans

<u>Docket No. 2017-207-E</u> – Friends of the Earth and Sierra Club, Complainant/Petitioner v. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Defendant/Respondent

<u>Docket No. 2017-305-E</u> – Request of the Office of Regulatory Staff for Rate Relief to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Rates Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-920

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") to Align with the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") on Designations Before Submission of Transcripts and Videos to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission")

HEARING OFFICER ACTION:

At the end of the hearing in these Dockets on Wednesday, November 21, 2018, counsel for ORS and SCE&G ("the two parties") discussed with the Commission providing designations and cross-designations for the depositions of five out-of-state witnesses (Ron Jones, Ty Troutman, and three Westinghouse witnesses). Mr. Richardson of ORS proposed providing affirmative designations by November 28th. But in an effort to streamline what is presented to the Commission, SCE&G has reached an agreement with the ORS to align on the designations before providing the final transcripts and video excerpts to the Commission. Specifically, the two parties have agreed to exchange with each other affirmative designations for these depositions on November 28th and then counterdesignations by November 30th. After that, the two parties propose to provide highlighted

transcripts to the Commission that reflect all the designations, followed by excerpts of the deposition videos that likewise will reflect the affirmative and counter-designations for ORS and SCE&G. The two parties anticipate being able to provide the video excerpts next week, which is the week of December 3, 2018. Per this agreement, SCE&G requests a brief extension as described above so that it can align with the ORS on the designations before submitting the transcripts and videos to the Commission.

The extension is granted as filed. Clearly, an extension in this instance would allow the parties to provide more usable and understandable deposition products to the Commission for the record in these Dockets than might otherwise be provided. The request results in greater judicial economy in the deliberations of the Commission on some of the issues in this case. This ends the Hearing Officer's Directive.